

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Friedrich MUELLER et al.

Serial No:

Filed: October 5, 2001

Title: Extracorporeal Blood Treatment System

\*\*\*\*\*

October 5, 2001

Box New Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Contemporaneously with the filing of the above-captioned patent application and prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The extracorporeal blood treatment system of claim 1, wherein a service station remote from the ECB station calls treatment data or operation data from the ECB station via the external browser.

Please add the following newly drafted claim:

7. (New) The extracorporeal blood treatment system of claim 2, wherein a service station remote from the ECB station calls treatment data or operation data from the ECB station via the external browser.

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

Line 2 (the title), delete in its entirety; and

Last line ((Fig.)), delete in its entirety.

Remarks continued on page 3...

## REMARKS

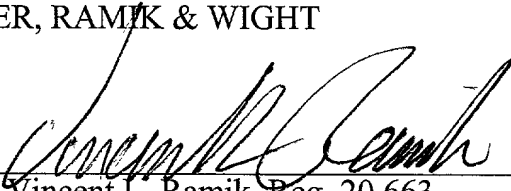
This application has been amended at the time of filing in order to delete the multidependent claim and to conform the Abstract of the Disclosure with United States practice.

Entry of this amendment and consideration of the application as amended is herewith respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

DILLER, RAMIK & WIGHT

By:

  
Vincent L. Ramik, Reg. 20,663

Merrion Square Suite 101  
7345 McWhorter Place  
Annandale, Virginia 22003

(703) 642-5705 - telephone  
(703) 642-2117 - fax

Attachments:      Marked-up Claim

Inventor: Friedrich Mueller et a..  
Filed: October 5, 2001  
Title: Extracorporeal Blood Treatment System

### MARKED-UP CLAIM

3. (Amended) The extracorporeal blood treatment system of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein a service station remote from the ECB station calls treatment data or operation data from the ECB station via the external browser.